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Original Application

As below named inventor, I declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RAISING A NUMERICAL VALUE
TO A FRACTIONAL POWER**

which is described and claimed in:

___ the attached specification or
___ the specification in application Serial No. ___/___ filed ___, 199___
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this application and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the
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- ___ no earlier-filed foreign applications.
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